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Military action over the weekend consisted largely of Communist mortar attacks against South Vietnamese positions in widely scattered sectors of the country. The only ground fighting reported was an occasional Communist reaction to government security operations and some skirmishing in the central delta.

Officials of the government's Military Region (MR 3--the 10 provinces surrounding Saigon--have determined there is no indication the Communists will mount a general offensive during the 1974 Tet holiday which begins on January 23rd. They claim that most of the Communist troops have received notice to stand firm against government troops in their assigned locations, but no significant

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redeployment has been ordered or movement patterns identified. The MR-3 analysis concludes that a number of enemy units are currently undertaking refresher and training courses in preparation for attacks against selected government targets in early 1974, but the timing for these attacks has not yet been announced.